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1. Approximately 36,000,000 DME of the total of 100,500,000 DME planned as gross profits of VEB Otto Grotewohl for 1953 is gross profit expected to result from the sale of AB and AT gasoline (Benzin) to the Russians. The sale of these two kinds of gasoline is calculated on a profit rate of about 100 percent and thus constitutes the most profitable sale of the enterprise.

2. The management of the plant has recently been concerned by rumors to the effect that the Russians plan to decrease considerably purchases of AB and AT gasoline from Boehlen in 1954. According to these rumors, the Russians will soon be able to meet their requirements for these types of gasoline from their own production. Although nothing definite could be learned, the management of the Boehlen enterprise fears that it would lose a considerable part of its profits in 1954 if the rumors turn out to be true.

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